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LAST week a little sheet started up next door to our office and in the wisdom of the managing editor, it was thought nothing but proper to assail R. Q. Palmer, and leaving the decision to the public as to whether we were guilty of theft or not. The public must have decided not, as we are still permitted to run at large, and one thief is all we can stand to prey on the public at the same time. What we are accused of taking is the patent side of our newspaper—which came directed to us and charged to us in the same manner as it has ever since our existence in the newspaper business in Clayton, there was no question about it. The Western Newspaper Union from which the paper was ordered knew of the existence of no firm under that name than ours, in fact they transgressed the law when they used our name in ordering material for their outfit. We do not care to harass the public with our personal affairs, and all we have to say is that W. J. Eaton is directing the editorials of this slanderous sheet, which fact made known to the people of Union County and surrounding country is sufficient evidence of the untruthfulness of the statement.

APROPOS to the editorial in last week's ENTERPRISE concerning the Clayton Cemetery, we are informed of a report that has been circulated to some extent, to the effect that Mr. Eklund wished the Cemetery removed from its present location. We know this to be an incorrect impression as we are advised of a proposition which Mr. Eklund made to the City Council when the question of improving the present conditions was brought before that body. Mr. Eklund then proposed to sell the ground to the city, or if it was the desire of the people to remove them, to donate \$250.00 toward such removal. We do not know of a better location than this and there is such a strong possibility of some graves being overlooked in case of removal, that we earnestly urge the purchase, not only of the present boundaries but of enough additional to insure an abundance of space for all future needs and for broad drives, walks and shrubbery, and we urge that this should be done at the earliest possible date. Nor should it be left to any individual, or organization—it is a question which concerns Clayton and the surrounding country and as such appeals to the whole community.

"La Cronica" is the name of a new weekly newspaper published at Logan, Union county, on the Rock Island. It is democratic in politics and N. Faustine Gallegos, editor of El Fenix, at Clayton, is the publisher and manager. "La Cronica" is opposed

to joint statehood and says so in the following few words: "We will never vote joint statehood with Arizona, for we believe and know that we are entitled to the union by ourselves, and with our dear name, New Mexico—Springer Stockman.

To which the "Tucumcari Times" most unkindly comments:

Is it possible that N. Faustine Gallegos is publishing a republican paper in Clayton, the "El Fenix" and a democratic paper at Logan, the "La Cronica"? Probably there are not as many land notices at Logan as at Clayton. We don't understand the motive.

It's a shame for the two brother recipients of Clayton Land Office favors to quarrel like that.

THE REINCORPORATION OF CLAYTON.

Our readers are well acquainted with the status of the present incorporation of Clayton. An injunction has been issued by Judge Mills restraining the collection of licenses, and last week the Board of Trustees, composed of Messrs. O. T. Toombs, N. E. Charlton, Paz, Valverde, Cyrus Richmond and Carl Eklund was served with writs of quo warranto directing them to show by what authority they were exercising the office and functions and privileges of Trustees of the City of Clayton. These, of course, are the legal proceedings for testing the validity of our present incorporation.

Monday of this week a petition, so drawn as to cover the defects alleged to exist and to vitiate the present incorporation was circulated by different enterprising and progressive citizens, and at the time of going to press contains 101 names.

The right of local self government is the fundamental principle upon which our government is established. This right is one which in this Territory, where we are under Federal supervision is felt by every citizen of the Territory, and is the motive power which is moving this Territory and Arizona in their struggle for statehood.

An incorporated town properly governed and managed, with progressive and patriotic trustees at the helm of its affairs is a miniature state. It will have an executive, legislative and judicial power, and no one living within the proposed incorporated district can gainsay the fact that Clayton at this time needs such a legal entity as to entitle it to the exercising of these functions.

Clayton and Union County is at the present on the threshold of progress. The next 12 or 15 months will decide whether it will be a live, progressive and wealthy city, or whether it will stand idle and see other towns springing like magic from the hills and prairies around it, taking from it its trade and its patronage, till eventually it will become "The Deserted Village," of New Mexico, whose existence within the next generation will be attested only by deserted houses and grassy streets, remembered only by the oldest inhabitants. The incorporation as proposed will empower Clayton with the right and authority to clean its streets, to drain its lake, to give it suitable police

and fire protection. It will then be in a position to invite the outsiders to make this their home, and will be the foundation upon which a Clayton greater and grander can be built. Incorporation is synonymous with progress and industry and while we recognize that its original powers can be misdirected, we do not fear this outcome as long as we have the cultured, educative and progressive class of citizenship which makes us, unincorporated as we are, "The Pride of the Plains," of New Mexico.

Immigration, proposed new railroads, health, wealth and progress demand incorporation. For get personal differences, petty jealousies and past animosities. Be citizens! Be Americans! Be men! with but one motive, one move, one mind—the betterment of Clayton and home. Evidence this by working and voting for the incorporation of the City of Clayton, which can be done by signing this petition.

A Public Retraction and Sincere Apology.

During a great local strife in Sunnyside, involving the death of my newspaper, the Sunnyside Sun, with mind and nerves completely unbalanced I inserted a local notice, of the death of my old friend, Lee Weller of Clayton, and neglecting to read the proof I found, to my great surprise and sorrow, when the paper came out that the type had been made to read different to what I intended or ever wrote. It was a big mistake, it was a sad mistake, and caused the wrong construction to be placed on the whole item, and for which I stand ready to make the amend honorable by this sincere and public retraction, and I sincerely assure the friends of the deceased and the town of Clayton that no offence to either was intended, a wrong construction was therefore placed upon the item, by my enemies, and my meaning and good intentions were, therefore, transformed to imply or mean the reverse of what I intended. Therefore, with profound sorrow and a true christian spirit, I humbly beg and ask the forgiveness and mercy of the friends and relatives of the deceased for this mistake.

J. E. Curren,
Editor defunct Sunnyside Sun.

The Delay In Our School Building Unavoidable.

We learned from the Board of School Trustees of this District that the party to whom the school bonds were sold is now about entirely satisfied as to the legality and regularity of the issue, and the Board is in anticipation of the early receipt of the proceeds of the sale. So, it is hoped that the construction of the new school building will begin very soon now.

We are informed by the Board that they have been delayed for the past thirty days for the reason that the purchaser of the bonds has consumed that period of time making his own investigations touching the validity of the bonds. We will be glad indeed to see this very beautiful addition to our present school house erected between now and the holidays, which we have reason now to believe will be done.

The Rohr, Geddes Mining Company of Raton New Mexico, composed of leading capitalists and financed by the Raton National Bank, has secured valuable mineral prospects in Peacock canon and contracted to begin work within 60 days with a core or

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other drills and continue till the matter is determined to a reasonable certainty whether a body of copper ore exists in that locality. The group of claims secured from the Mackey boys and Frank J. King, embracing about 160 acres which will give the company a wide field to operate in. Mr. Geddes informs us that a contract for 3,000 feet of prospect work will be made with a reputable company. This would indicate that something will be doing near us in the way of mining before many days and what is most encouraging in the matter is that it is going to be done by men who have been in the work and know how to strike—mine promoters who live in the west.—Cimarron News.

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